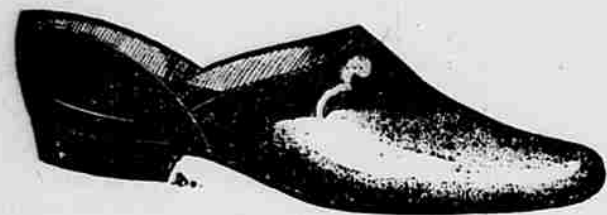


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TO MAKE FIGHT IN SANGAMON.

Hamlin Will Try to Control Delegates in Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—Attorney General Hamlin announced to a meeting of Republicans, held here to-night in his interest, that he will make the fight in Sangamon County for the delegates to the coming State Convention. Only recently has Judge Hamlin determined to make a contest in Sangamon County, and this determination results from the earnest solicitation of a large number of his friends and admirers.

Several weeks ago a Hamlin meeting was held here, but Judge Hamlin put a stop to the proceedings in his interest at that time because he was not thoroughly satisfied concerning his final action in the county. A committee named at the informal meeting will act with Judge Hamlin in naming his campaign committee to do the work in Sangamon.

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CHINESE TREATY IS RATIFIED.

No Opposition in Senate, but the Convention Was Criticized.

MANY SENATORS SPOKE.

Senator Nelson Said Sufficient Provision for Trade of United States Hadn't Been Made.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate in executive session to-day ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commercial relations" between the United States and China, and then removed the injunction of secrecy. No opposition was manifested by any Senator to the treaty, although Mr. Nelson of Minnesota made a long speech in which he criticized the convention as making insufficient provision for the trade of the United States. He said it indicated that the hand of Russia had been shown against this country, making it impossible for the United States to receive the concessions needed in the way of open ports. He also said that the ports of Mukden and Antung, which are opened under the treaty provisions, are, in fact, inland ports, accessible only to vessels of light draft. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs, and warned the Senate that we may yet have trouble with that country over the Manchurian question, which, he said, had been responsible for the inability of the United States plenipotentiaries to obtain the opening of other important ports under more favorable conditions.

The attitude taken by Mr. Nelson was upheld in speeches by a number of other Senators, although it was argued at the same time that this treaty is an entering wedge for our new trade, and that it was the best China was able to do under Russian duress. Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts urged the importance of having the treaty filed and said that the State Department considered immediate action as essential. He declared that the ratification probably would have a bearing on the settlement of the far Eastern question. Senators Morgan, Cullom, Spooner and others also spoke. Mr. Lodge, who was supported by some of the speakers, said that he had objection to the treaty because it had been approved on the contrary it was said that she had openly expressed her approval of it. There was no division on the motion to ratify.

Have you seen the Katy Girl? WOULD GRANT WOMEN RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE. Representative Shafroth Introduced a Bill Providing That Gentler Sex Be Allowed to Vote.

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WOMAN HOLDS AND SEARCHES ROBBER FOUND BENEATH BED.



PARTICIPANTS IN AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY YESTERDAY.

Mrs. William Linder, unaided, subdued a man who attempted to rob her and holds him until arrival of the police.

After severely beating a man her sister had found hiding beneath a bed, shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Anna Linder of No. 238 Florida avenue held him with one hand while she searched his pockets and recovered a gold watch and 121, which had been taken from a bureau drawer.

Mrs. Linder then recognized the intruder as Patrick O'Connell, who had rented a room in her house several weeks ago. The police believe that O'Connell found where the valuables were kept and planned the robbery, as the drawer had been opened with a duplicate key.

The presence of the robber was discovered by Mrs. Linder's sister, who had gone to the former's room to put away some laundry. She saw a rocking-chair had been moved, and upon investigation found a man under the bed.

She screamed and Mrs. Linder ran to her assistance. As the latter entered the room she met O'Connell coming out. He attempted to pass her, but she struck him several times in the face, and he quietly submitted to the search.

In the meantime Mrs. Linder's sister had gone for the police, and O'Connell was taken to the Fifth District Station, where he admitted that he had planned to rob Mrs. Linder. O'Connell claims to have a wife and children in Philadelphia.

NEW YORKERS FIRST TO HOLD MEETING IN STATE'S WORLD'S FAIR PAVILION.

The New York World's Fair Commission yesterday held a short business session in the State pavilion on the Exposition grounds. Because of the cold weather the meeting was not protracted, but it gave the commission the prestige of being the first to hold a business session in its World's Fair building.

Among the Commissioners present was Mrs. Norman E. Mack, wife of the Democratic National Committeeman from New York. Mrs. Mack enjoys the distinction of being the only woman member of the commission. The New York pavilion is nearly completed. All the frame and staff work has been finished, and workmen are at work on the interior-plastering and installing stairways. It is one of the finest structures on the Plateau of States.

While the short session was in progress the speakers were interrupted by the sound of hammers and scraping of plasterers' trowels. The meeting was held in the directors' room, on the second floor, to reach which members of the party were obliged to climb partly finished stairs.

Only necessary formalities were observed. They consisted of calling the roll by Chairman Stern and several short addresses. Mr. Stern referred to the advanced stage of progress which the Exposition has reached, and spoke of the hearty co-operation the New York Commission had received from the Fair management.

After several other addresses a motion to adjourn the meeting to the Planters Hotel was unanimously carried. The members walked about the grounds for a while, then boarded their private trolley car and proceeded downtown.

Late in the afternoon the commission continued its meeting at the Planters. The matter of furnishing the State pavilion was taken up and discussed at length. Plans were made for applying for specific space in the various exhibit buildings for the events of the fair.

Mrs. Mack is a World's Fair enthusiast, and takes as active an interest in New York's participation as any of the other members of the commission. She says that she is anxious to see the Empire State make the best showing it has ever made at any exposition.

"We propose to make the New York building," said Mrs. Mack, "the real home of visitors from the Empire State at the World's Fair. The commission will keep open house, where New Yorkers and all welcome."

Present at the meeting were Louis Stern, chairman of the Executive Committee; Frederick B. Green, Edward Lyman Hill, Norman E. Mack, Charles A. Ball, chief executive officer, and George A. Shaw, assistant to the secretary of the commission. There were present also W. T. Van Norman, representing President Harriman; Mr. Louis Stern, Mrs. Edward Lyman Hill and Clarence Luce, architect of the New York building.

SISTER REPUBLICS PLAN BIG EXHIBITS.

Commissioner Wands Brings Encouraging Reports From South American Countries.

PRESIDENTS MAY ATTEND.

Interest in the World's Fair Easily Awakened Among Latin Nations and Participation Is Assured.

Ernest H. Wands, World's Fair Commissioner to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, who returned to St. Louis yesterday after an absence of twenty-five months exploiting the Fair in South America, says that the countries he visited will come to St. Louis with the finest displays they ever produced at any exposition.

Not only will the Latin-American Republics send the best they have in the way of exhibits, but thousands of visitors from those countries will come to St. Louis next year. The visitors will include high Government officials, and possibly two or more Presidents of the Republics.

Over much of the territory Mr. Wands covered he was obliged to ride on mules. His journeys took him far inland, over trails seldom traveled by a citizen of the United States. Several of these journeys required more than two weeks, during which time the Commissioner lived in the open air.

Peru and Ecuador, according to Mr. Wands, will be admirably represented. President Plaza of the latter Republic, who is taking a marked personal interest in the exhibits of his country, will in all probability come to St. Louis next year. He will bring his family and members of his official household.

"Manuel Candamo, the new President of Peru, who was inaugurated September 8," says Mr. Wands, "is also anxious that his country be well represented at the Fair. He has entrusted the work to Alejandro Garland, who will be official representative of Peru at the Exposition."

TRAVELED MANY MILES.

Early this year Mr. Wands left Peru to visit Bogota. At Panama he found the Magdalena River was too low for navigation, and rather than wait for a higher stage of water he went by sea to Buena Ventura, and from there overland to the Colombian capital. This trip was made on mules and took seventeen days.

"I was well rewarded for the long journey," said Mr. Wands. "At Bogota the Government officials were enthusiastic on the subject of the World's Fair, and a very short time after my arrival I had assurance of the official participation of Colombia, and in less than a week the work of collecting exhibits had commenced."

"I have heard nothing from Colombia since the Panama affair, and do not know whether or not that will interfere with the former country's participation."

"Venezuela was the last country I visited before returning to the United States. On arriving at Caracas I found work had commenced on the exhibits for the Government's official participation."

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BREAD-BAKING SUPREMACY

which we have the honor to enjoy right here in the midst of our fellow-citizens, who have shown their appreciation of our efforts, and to whom we extend our thanks.

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occupies the entire city block between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, Bidle and O'Fallon streets, and the public is invited to visit it and be "Missouri-ized." We have no secrets to conceal. Every one should know how good bread is made. This bakery presents educational features to those not familiar with the methods involved in the creation of a wholesome, strength-giving, blood-making loaf of bread.

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With assurances of a kindly feeling, and wishing all a Joyous Yuletide, for "Joy refreshes us constantly and, like good bread, never brings disgust,"

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CHAS. REILLY OPTICAL CO., 619 LOCUST STREET.

FAVORS APPROPRIATION OF \$7,000,000 FOR NEW DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to-day authorized Chairman Fairbanks to make a favorable report on the bill making an appropriation of \$7,000,000 for the purchase of a site and erection of a building for the departments of State, Justice and Labor.

The purchase of the old Corcoran Art Gallery site, bounded by Lafayette Square, Pine streets, Patrolman Herr took from Block's overcoat a revolver.

Miss Boswell, Block and Patrolman Herr rode to the Four Courts in a patrol wagon. When Miss Boswell heard that Block was to be charged with carrying concealed weapons, she begged that he be released.

When her plea was unheeded, Miss Boswell departed with the explanation that she was going to secure a bondsman so that Block could be released.

Miss Boswell told the police that she had known Block for four years, and that recently she decided not to keep company with him any longer. Block, she says, became angry at her refusal to continue their friendship and yesterday's episode was the outcome of his alleged jealousy.

Block is a bookkeeper for the G. Mathes & Sons Rag Company, No. 319 North Broadway. He lives at No. 310 Vista avenue.

KILLED BY SEWER CAVE-IN.

John Flaherty Crushed to Death by Collapse of Supports.

John Flaherty of No. 221 Chouteau avenue was crushed to death yesterday morning by the caving-in of a sewer, in which he was working, on Goodfellow avenue between Ridge and Wells avenues.

Michael Dolan of No. 1326 Glasgow, who was working with Flaherty, was buried for ten minutes, but escaped with a sprained knee and bruises.

Dolan was attended by Doctor Fitzpatrick of No. 623 Easton avenue, and afterwards removed to his home. Flaherty's body was taken to the morgue.

The sewer at the point where the accident occurred is 18 feet deep and 8 feet wide. A temporary framework had been built to prevent the caving in of the soil. The frost caused the earth to crumble.